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**In the Specification:**

Please replace Paragraph [00176] with the amended paragraph [00176] as follows:

**[00176]** Turning now to figures 26 and 27 these illustrate in schematic fashion a defrostable ventilation apparatus which has a by-pass means whereby exhaust air may be returned to the building using the fresh air discharge side of an apparatus, i.e., a by-pass channel is used to route exhaust air past the fresh air stream part of an exchanger wheel so as to avoid having the wheel pass heat back to the exhaust defrost air. For these figures the same reference numerals are used for the elements common with those of the apparatus of figures 1-10. Basically the apparatus includes a further partition member 150. The apparatus still has the damper member 43 and attendant means for the displacement thereof for opening and closing opening 32. When the damper member 43 is in a defrost configuration such that the opening 32 is open, the exhaust air is expelled into the pocket partially defined by the partition member 150, the partition member 25 and the other wall members disposed thereabout; the top wall is shown for purposes of illustration as being removed in both figures 26 and 27. The exhaust air would then be able to travel through the opening 152 of tube member 151 and exit opening 153 into the fresh air discharge side of the apparatus. For the ventilation configuration the damper, member 43 would be raised to close the opening 32 and air would circulate as described above. Referring to figure 27 the wall portion 155 of the partition member 150 has a small opening 156 to allow motion of the member 61 to manipulate the damper 42. The portion of the partition member 150 apart from the wall member 155 is defined by the wall of the housing 50 and by a wall extension projecting downwardly from the housing 50 to the partition member 25 below. Although the by-pass channel in the illustrated apparatus has an exit communicating with the discharge side of the fresh air outlet side, the by-pass channel may if desired be defined by a separate channel member having its own separate discharge outlet for the air.